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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF JUNE 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 54,548,000 pounds on June 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1432 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 41,878,000 pounds in cold storage on May 15, 1941, this represents an increase of 12,670,000 pounds, or 30 percent. It also indicates an increase of 9,075,000 pounds, or 20 percent, over the June 15, 1940 figure of 45,473,000 pounds; and of 13 percent over the five-year average of 48,376,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended June 15, 1941 amounted to 25,238,000 pounds, which is 2,038,000 pounds, or 9 percent, more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 3,320,000 pounds, or 15 percent, above the five year average of 21,918,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 8.2 million pounds, followed by haddock fillets (4.6 million pounds); rosefish fillets (4.2 million pounds); mackerel, except Spanish, (2.5 million pounds); whiting (2.4 million pounds); cod fillets (2.1 million pounds); and bait and animal food with 2.1 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (2.4 million pounds) predominated, followed by squid, with 1.2 million pounds. Scallops (625,000 pounds) were in third place. Three items--halibut, haddock fillets and rosefish fillets--accounted for 31 percent of the total frozen fishery products held in domestic public freezers on June 15.

Greatest holdings by sections show New England leading with 15 million pounds; the Pacific area (12.7 million pounds) in second place; followed by the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 10.5 million pounds; and the North Central East region (8 million pounds).

Other items in the bulletin give 21 million pounds of cured herring, and 1.9 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of June 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of fresh frozen fish were on hand as of June 1, 1941: halibut--3,660,330 pounds; mackerel--221,748 pounds; salmon--1,673,933 pounds; sea herring--2,790,911 pounds; whitefish--602,193 pounds; cod fillets--1,429,988 pounds; all other varieties--5,642,542 pounds.